

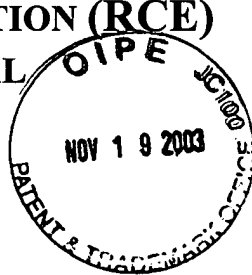
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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995



2818 RCEA

Application Number	10/031,118
Confirmation Number	3824
Filing Date	January 16, 2002
First Named Inventor	Chikara YOKOYAMA
Group Art Unit	2818
Examiner Name	Ly D. PHAM
Matter Number	Q68037
Title	DATA BACK UP APPARATUS AND STEP-UP/DOWN POWER SUPPLY

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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**SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY**

Name Paul J. Wilson Registration No. 45,879

Signature  Date November 19, 2003



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q68037

Chikara YOKOYAMA, et al.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Sir:

A Petition for an Extension of Time, along with the required fee, is being concurrently filed with this Amendment, thereby extending the time to respond to the May 21, 2003 Final Office Action to November 21, 2003.

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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